

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: DISTRIBUTED PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, in which claims 5 and 17 were allowed, and claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-32 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 13, 18, 25, and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 2, 10-12, 14, 22-24, 26, 27, 30, and 31 have been amended. Claims 2-5, 7-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26-28, and 30-32, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1, 13, 25, and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, therefore, is rendered moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Owa et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,348,971. Claims 25-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross U.S. Patent No. 5,465,213 and Owa et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,348,971.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 13, 18, 25, and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice. In addition, dependent claims 2-4 and 7-12 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 5, and dependent claims 14-16 and 19-24 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 17. The rejections of claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-24, and 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) therefore, are rendered moot.

In addition, with this Amendment, claims 27 and 31 have each been rewritten in independent form and amended to clarify that the print job weight of each of the print job portions is substantially equal. With respect to the Ross and Owa et al. patents, Applicant submits that neither of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a system for producing a book on-demand, as claimed in independent claim 27, nor a method of producing a book on-demand, as claimed in independent claim 31, wherein all of the print

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job portions are finished at substantially the same time, and wherein the print job weight of each of the print job portions is substantially equal.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 27 and 31 are each patentably distinct from the Ross and Owa et al. patents and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 26 and 28 further define patentably distinct claim 27, and dependent claims 30 and 32 further define patentably distinct claim 31, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 26-28 and 30-32 be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 17 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indicated allowance of these claims.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 2-5, 7-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26-28, and 30-32 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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